THE ST. Clair Family.

That branch of the St. Clair Family founded by John St. Clair, and Berthena (Joseph) St. Clair, of Sussex County, Delaware.

We do not know anything definite about John St. Clair before his marriage to Berthena Joseph in Delaware. Family tradition says that he was a nephew of General Arthur St. Clair, which meant that the family must have come from Scotland. John St. Clair's grandson, Eli St.Clair, could only remember in his old age after his memory was poor, that the St. Clairs came "from across the waters"/ Many Scotch exiles came to this country for a number of years, at about the time John St. Clair appeared in this history.

The St. Clair Chart shows all of the children of John and Berthena St. Clair.

At least two of their children, Parker and Eli, were born while they lived in Delaware, in Sussex County, on "Indian River". They later, the date not known, removed to Western Pennsylvania, in the Monongahela valley. They are reputed to have lived there at least long enough to have "bearing peach trees", when they removed to Kentucky. They went down the Monongahela River to the Ohio River and on to Kentucky in a "pirogue", and settled in Breckenridge County, near Hardensburg.

While they lived in Kentucky John St. Clair's son Eli was married, and probably other of his children.

About 1816 or 1817 John St. Clair and all of his family, removed to Sullivan County, Indiana, there they lived until the death of John St. Clair at the age of 63, according to the tombstone in Mc Cammon Grave Yard, near Paxton, Indiana. The date of his death is not shown, but is supposed to have occurred about 1828. On the tombstone of his wife, Berthena (Joseph) St. Clair, the date of her death is given as December 1845, but her age is not shown. However, she was quite old at the time of her death. Tradition locates this grave yard as "on a hill south of Paxton about a quarter of a mile, and near a mile west."

There is very much more of this family history, which I am unable to copy, but which I have in typewritten form, in a theme binding.

I also have a considerable history of the Joseph family, or Delaware. Two of Berthena St. Clair's brothers, Eli and Uriah Joseph, also came to Indiana. Some of their descendants are probably living in Sullivan County, Ind. or in some other of the counties which were later cut off from the original Sullivan Co.